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CHAOS IN D.C.

Pro-Trump mob storms Capitol to try to halt confirmation of Biden’s win; a woman is shot to death; Congress resumes Electoral College vote count



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Police with guns drawn watch as protesters try to break into the House of Representatives at the Capitol on Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

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The New York Times

WASHINGTON

A mob of loyalists, urged on by President Donald Trump, stormed the Capitol on Wednesday, halting for hours Congress’ counting of the electoral votes to confirm President-elect Joe Biden’s victory and prompting police to evacuate lawmakers in a scene of violence and chaos that shook the core of American democracy.

There was no parallel in modern U.S. history, with insurgents acting in the president’s name vandalizing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s office, smashing windows, looting art and briefly taking control of the Senate chamber, where they took turns posing for photographs with fists up on the rostrum where Vice President Mike Pence had just presided. Outside the building, they erected a gal-



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A pro-Trump mob gathers outside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday in Washington, D.C. Washington’s mayor instituted an evening curfew in an attempt to contain the violence.

lows, punctured the tires of a police SUV and left a note on its windshield saying, “PELOSI IS SATAN.”

“This is what you’ve gotten, guys,” Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, and the party’s 2012 presidential nominee, yelled as the Senate was first thrust into a lockdown, apparently addressing his Republican colleagues who were leading the charge to press Trump’s false claims of a stolen election.

“This is what the president has caused today, this insurrection,” Romney seethed later.

The upheaval unfolded on a day when Democrats secured a stunning pair of victories in runoff elections in Georgia, winning effective control of the Senate and the complete levers of power in Washington, and as Congress was meeting in what would normally have been a

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IN MY OPINION

White conservatives gave them a pass. Now, violent white radicals are about to destroy the country



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In the end, it wasn’t “anti-fa.” It wasn’t Black Lives Matter. No, it wasn’t any of the boogymen white conservatives

have imagined, exaggerated and bloviated into national threats. Rather, it was a mob of white conservatives themselves, unrestrained by law, unfettered by patriotism, fueled by resentments, racial and otherwise, who stormed the very Capitol Building of the United States. Who broke its windows and fought with police. Who forced representatives and senators to shelter in place. Who brought Congress to a halt. All of it egged on by Donald

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THE U.S. SENATE

Victories by Warnock and Ossoff hand Senate control to Democrats



JESSICA MCGOWAN TNS, file 2020

Georgia Democrats Raphael Warnock, left, and Jon Ossoff are headed to the U.S. Senate after beating GOP incumbents.

■ The double win means the chamber will have a 50-50 split. When she becomes vice president, Kamala Harris will break any ties.

BY STEVE PEOPLES, BILL BARROW AND RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press

ATLANTA

Democrats won both Georgia Senate seats — and with them, the U.S. Senate majority — as final votes were counted Wednesday, serving President Donald Trump a stunning

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